



**Big Sky Park District Board of Directors
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2020
Water & Sewer District Community Room**

Board Members Present: Al Malinowski, Steve Johnson, Ciara Wolfe, Jon Olsen, Madeleine Feher
Members of the Public: none

Public Comment: none

1. **Call to Order:** Al Malinowski called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.
2. **MOTION** by Steve Johnson to approve the meeting minutes from October 24, 2019. Jon Olsen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Boundary Realignment:** Ciara Wolfe and Steve Johnson updated the Board on the realignment discussion held with the Gallatin County Election Committee on January 24, 2020. Following the lead of the Parks District's legal advisor, Chris Grey, a 5 step process was agreed upon. The steps are as follows:
 1. Per 711-1006, the Parks District will have a surveyor approve the proposed boundary realignment. As the area is congruent with the current Big Sky Resort Tax District boundary, a separate survey is not necessary; the survey currently in use will suffice. Ciara Wolfe and Jon Olsen discussed local surveyors to contract.

MOTION by Jon Olsen to approve up to \$900 to hire a surveyor for the boundary realignment survey approval. Steve Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

 2. Chris Grey will write a resolution to reflect the change in boundary for Gallatin County. No changes to be proposed for Madison County.
 3. Chris Grey and the Parks District Board would work with commissioners to approve the resolution of intent. The goal would first be to inform the commissioners at the April 1, 2020 joint commissioners meeting of the upcoming resolution. The Board would then work alongside the BSCO to gain support and momentum for the resolution over the course of the summer.

4. Projected for Fall 2020: the Board will mail the resolution along with a protest form to the 827 parcel owners who would be joining the District if the resolution were to be passed.
5. The 827 parcel owners will have up to 60 days to respond to the resolution. If the Parks District receives 83 protests to the resolution (10% of parcel owners), the next step would be a ballot to those parcel owners. If over 50% protest, the resolution fails. If less than 10% protest, the resolution automatically passes.

Goal is to have all steps completed in 2020.

B. Goals behind realignment and the need for the lands held by BSCO currently to be made public:

1. Bring all parks and trails under the Parks District umbrella;
2. Expand and improve parks and trails currently outside the current Parks District with approved funding;
3. Eliminate hurdles like higher insurance fees with the open spaces becoming public lands;
4. Qualify for discounted equipment for public lands;
5. Future discussion of taxing parcel owners in conjunction with the funds secured by the Resort Tax Board to help provide a consistent way to support the growth of Parks and Trails in the future.

C. **BSCO Updates:**

1. **Master Trail Plan:** Ciara updated the board on the Master Trail Plan which is a 10 year plan with an estimated cost of 1.5 million. The BSCO will be hosting a couple "Trail Mix" events in which they will invite the community to discuss and ask questions regarding the Master Trail Plan. The BSCO has already successfully raised \$500,000 to fund the plan.
2. **Community Center:** Bid package to be sent out Monday for an April construction start date. Completion of the Community Center anticipated for November 2021.
3. **Tiger Grant:** Ciara gave a brief update as to the current status of the Tiger Grant. It has been a slow moving process in light of specific hurdles like the BSCO land needing to be public in order for the Tiger Grant to use it as intended. The BSCO has enlisted legal counsel from Mindy Nowakowski to assist with expediting the next steps.

4. **New Business:**

A. Resort Tax Request: The Parks District Board decided to not ask for additional funding at the upcoming Resort Tax meeting.

B. Future Board Meetings: April 29, 2020

June 26, 2020

MOTION made by Al Malinowski to adjourn the meeting at 10:30. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.